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REMARKS

In a Board decision, rejections of Claims 10 - 13 and 24 were reversed. Accordingly, Claims 1 - 9, 14 - 23, and 25 have been canceled, and Claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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